Total productions of tea in the country during the last three years are as follows:—

(Figures in M. Kgs.)

| Year | Production |
|---|---|
| 1985 . . . | 656 |
| 1986 . . . | 621 (Provisional) |
| 1987 . . . | 673 (Estimated) |

(b) Quality and value of exports during last three years are as follows:—

| Year | Qty. (M. Kgs). | Value (Rs. crores) |
|---|---|---|
| 1985 . | 214 | 695 |
| 1986 . | 203 | 581 (Provisional) |
| 1987 . | 209 | 639 (Estimated) |

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Trial manufacturing of tea commenced in Orissa in September, 1987 and the first lot of 196 Kgs., was sold on 21st April, 1988 in the inaugural auction. So far about 800 Kgs. of tea has been produced in Orissa.

**Loans to farmers in Orissa**

726. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of agricultural loans sanctioned and disbursed by the nationalised banks to the farmers in Orissa during the last three financial years;

(b) what is the total recovery of these loans during the above period;

(c) whether Government have exempted interest payment on these loans due to scarcity conditions prevailing in the state; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Outstanding agriculture advances of all public sector banks in the State of Orissa during 3 years ended June 1986 (latest available) were as under:

| Year ended June | Balance Outstanding (Rs. in lakhs) |
|---|---|
| 1984 . . . | 12448 |
| 1985 . . . | 15476 |
| 1986 . . . | 20749 |

(b) Recovery position of Direct Agricultural advances of all public sector banks in the State of Orissa during 3 years ended June 1986 has been as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

| Year ended June | Demand | Recovery | %recovery to demand |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1984 | 5794 | 2110 | 36.4 |
| 1985 | 7629 | 3314 | 43.4 |
| 1986 | 8434 | 3892 | 46.1 |

(c) and (d) In the case of farmers affected by drought for 3 or more years in succession, the banks have been advised to defer the recoveries of the amounts falling due on account of principal as well as interest in the current year (July 1987—June 1988) for a period of two years or till the next normal year if it occurs earlier. The banks should not charge penal interest in such cases not should they compound interest on dues postponed. Besides, in the case of short term loans given by banks, the total interest payable by small and marginal farmers should not exceed the principal amount.

In view of the foregoing and as bank's resources comprise mainly deposits raised from the public on which they have to pay interest and meet other administrative expenditure, it will not be possible for them to agree for a general write off of interest.

**Closure of Textile Mills in U.P. and Madhya Pradesh**

727. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of textile mills in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh have been closed down in the recent past and some are on the verge of closure; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what is Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) As on 31.5.88, the number of cotton/man-made fibre textile mills lying closed since June, 1985 was 5 in Uttar Pradesh and 3 in Madhya Pradesh. It is not possible to say whether a textile mill is on the verge of closure because closure would be dependent on various factors like raw material prices, financial standing of the mill saleability of the product, etc.

(b) Closure are indicative of a basis structural transformation of the textile sector. However, Government had constituted a Nodol Agency to examine sick textile mills to ascertain whether they are potentially viable or not. The Nodal Agency prepares rehabilitation packages for mills found to be viable. A Textile Modernisation Fund has also been created to assist the modernisation needs of weak textile units A Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has also been set up to consider the cases of textile companies coming within the ambit of the Sick Industrial Companies Act. Non-viable mills may have to close down permanently.

**Increase in Terrorist Activities**

728. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether of late there has been an increase in the terrorist activities in Punjab, Haryana and Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Central Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) During the current year upto 26th July, 1988, 1381 persons have been killed in incidents due to terrorist violence in Punjab. An action plan has been drawn up to counter terrorist activities in the state. This includes erection of fence, physical barriers of barbed wire obstacles, construction of OP towers, improving and laying of tracks on the border to check infiltration and smuggling of arms into